

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Ellen Benoit, Margo Biblin, Sarah Hare, Lori Ostrzyzek, Monica Sobon, Terry Urfer, Robin Keggan – Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Keggan at 7 pm. After taking roll call, she requested a nomination for Chairperson for 2022. Upon a motion by Ms. Ostrzyzek; seconded by Ms. Benoit, Monica Sobon accepted the nomination to remain as Chairperson. Mrs. Keggan then turned the meeting over the Chairperson who requested a nomination for Vice Chairperson. Upon a motion by Ms. Ostrzyzek; seconded by Ms. Biblin, Ellen Benoit accepted the nomination to remain on as Vice Chairperson.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the December 2021 meeting 1-L.Ostrzyzek, 2-M.Biblin; approved.

DISCUSSION NOTES

Reorganization: EC Members beginning 2022:

Monica Sobon, Chair, exp 12/23
Margo Biblin, exp 12/23
Patty Maertens, exp 12/23
Donna Marie, Planning Board, exp 12/23
Raymond Ayers, Alt-1, exp 12/22
Township Committee Liaison: Terry Urfer

Ellen Benoit, Vice-Chair, exp 12/24
John Lucas, exp 12/24
Lori Ostrzyzek, exp 12/23
Sarah Hare, Alt-2, exp 12/23

By Laws—Are in effect

Climate Change Resiliency to be Incorporated into the Township Master Plan

- <https://www.nj.gov/dep/climatechange/resilience-strategy.html>
- Research the 125 recommended actions across six priority areas in NJ’s “Climate Change Resilience Strategy” to identify items relevant and necessary for Hope. Reach out to other EC boards, environmental organizations for more direction.
- Recommendations to be made to the Planning Board well in advance of their 2026 Master Plan update. (e.g., promoting forests, wetlands, stream banks)

ZBOA Application #21-003 423 Hope LLC, Block1700, Lot 900 (US Gas)

- Scheduled to be heard at the Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting February 3rd, 7:30pm.

Sustainable Jersey Complete Streets Grant Opportunity

- Addendum will be sent to the Township Committee noting that this project will be set aside now, and reevaluated at a later time.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification deadline May 2022 (150 points for Bronze, 350 for Silver)

- **Continue to Identify and write up actions:** <https://www.sustainablejersey.com/actions/>
- Looking at “Digitizing Public Information”, “Community Education and Outreach”, “Climate Action Plan”

No Idling

- Write up for Sustainable Jersey Action, can base on the 2019 report
- Ask about minimizing truck Idling on Route 80, Exit 12 at next Township Committee Meeting
- Still check into more signs around town: Dunkin Donuts, Community Center

Recycling

- Though the move of the recycling container from Swayze Mill Park to the Municipal Building was approved at a recent Township Committee Meeting, the actual location, scheduling and best practices still need to be determined. Start with DPW.
- What about the one at the school sports field?

Littering

- Need more information on litter cams, what to purchase, how/where to set up, enforcement potential; contact companies making the equipment for more info
- Possible locations: Johnsonburg Road, Delaware Road at 300's and 400's, Foundry Road, blinker light
- "Don't Litter" Hope Students Poster Contest, the students come up with the message text and the image (Prize: LOMB tickets or Toy Chest Gift Certificate). Have all posters displayed for Green Fair and/or Dunkin Donuts

Public Information and Engagement: "Urgent Alerts" on NextDoor

- Information on how-to access and terms and conditions for this application will be presented at the next meeting

EV Charging Station

- Check if TC supports EC-GT recommendation to the County to locate EV Charging Stations at the interchange

Green Fair April 30, 2022

- Start setting up Plan A (inside the school) and Plan B (the parking lot)
- Consider inviting NRCS, DRN, Highlands Coalition and any suggestions given for the speaker series below

Speaker Series (*Sarah, Margo, Monica*)

- Gather suggestions (FB post) to determine most popular subject matter
- Identify speakers (DRN, Land Conservancy, Mary Stone, Patti Doehl, Nancy Mason, highlands coalition, forest management, native plants, upcycled art, wetlands conservation)
- Benchmark equipment to present in-person and remote; reach out to and share with other EC's; target late March, early April
- Location: Community Center; Time of day?

Budget for EC-GT in 2022: Email your recommendations for discussion next meeting

- Consider: ANJEC dues, Speaker Series, more tree seedling protectors?

New Jersey Forest Forum: Online, Free, January, 2022, 1-4pm

- Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-jersey-forests-forum-tickets-227792813437?aff=NJHC>

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn 1-M.Biblin; 2-E.Benoit; at 9:07 PM